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It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. Two references were cited in an International Search Report dated December 16, 2002. One of these references, U.S. 4,137,137, is listed as a Category A document. The other reference, EP 0 045 310 A, is listed as a category X document. However, after review, this second reference does not appear relevant inasmuch as it is directed to control circuitry using a pull-down transistor for high voltage solid-state switches.

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Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed references are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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